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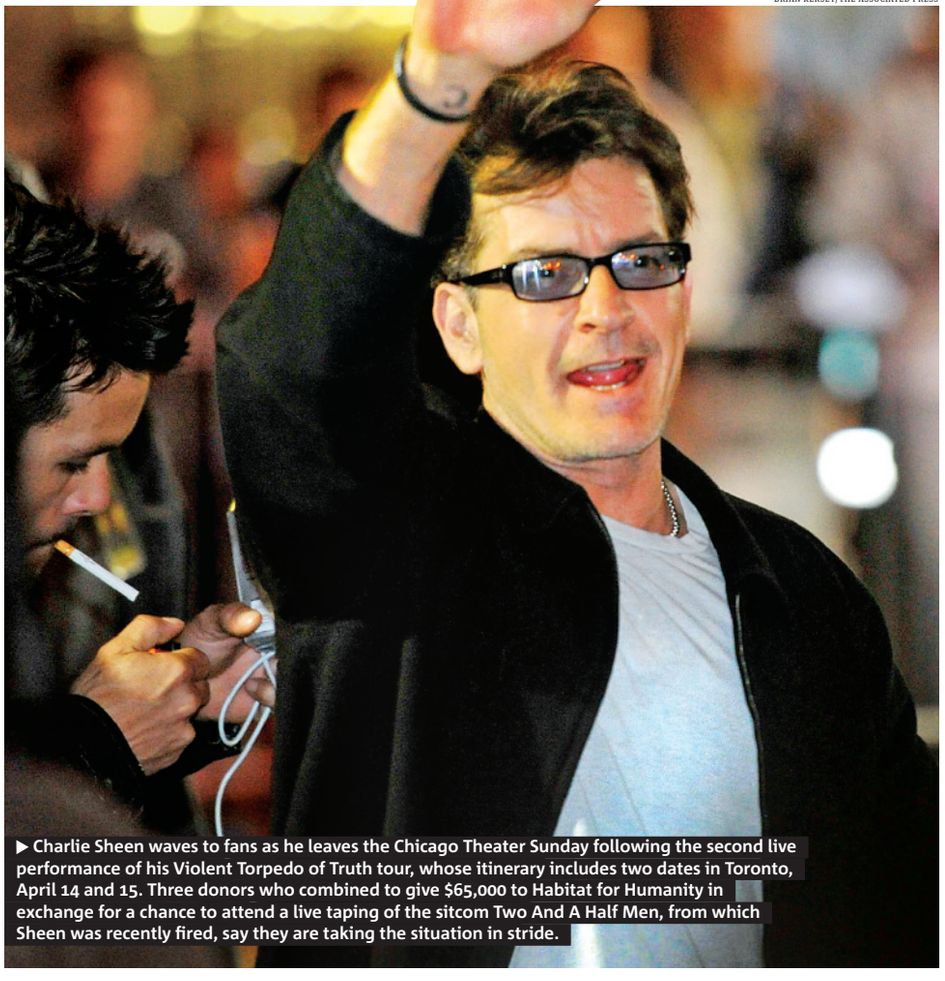

▶ Charlie Sheen waves to fans as he leaves the Chicago Theater Sunday following the second live performance of his Violent Torpedo of Truth tour, whose itinerary includes two dates in Toronto, April 14 and 15. Three donors who combined to give $65,000 to Habitat for Humanity in exchange for a chance to attend a live taping of the sitcom Two And A Half Men, from which Sheen was recently fired, say they are taking the situation in stride.

Can't lose for winning

- Philanthropists denied chance to see sitcom
- May get critically reviled stage show instead

Generous donors who shelled out big bucks at a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity to view a live taping of Two And A Half Men say the charitable organization can keep their money.

They even forgive the Warlock.

In November, the Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board held a silent auction fundraiser for the Habitat for Humanity, in which the headliner prize was a trip for two to Los Angeles to watch a taping of Two And A Half Men.

Fernando Cipriano, who likes to recite jokes from the hit TV series, bid $13,500 for the prize. "It's the only show I watch," he said.

Two other generous bidders were also given the prize. In total, the event raised $65,000 for the organization, which builds affordable homes for people in need.

Last month, actor Charlie Sheen was fired from the hit CBS show following a series of bizarre public outbursts.

With the sitcom on indefinite hiatus, organizers of the charity event are scrambling to find a new prize for the benevolent bunch.

"The winners have been really patient and co-operative," said Jeff Mahannah, former president of the real estate board. "And that's why we're really getting out there to try and find a replacement prize that is just as good." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Was scribe harassed at cop's sentencing?

- Chief Bill Blair undertakes probe into allegations that officers intimidated court reporter during hearing {page 4}

Federal election

NDP leader registers dire warning in B.C.

- We should be 'very, very worried' about Tory plans for health care: Layton {pages 8-9}

Arab awakening

Yemenis gather by thousands in city square

- Massive anti-regime rally reinvigorates two-month-old movement {pages 12-13}

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper plays cribbage with Susan Collins yesterday at the Columbus Centre in Toronto.

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Going one-on-one

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff will go head-to-head for a grand total of 12 minutes — half in the English debate, half in the French debate two days later — in the nationally televised campaign faceoffs next week.

Rengel killer charged after prison assault

A police investigation has determined that prison officers followed proper protocol during the violence at Millhaven Institution

The Toronto man serving a life sentence for fatally stabbing Stefanie Rengel is facing an attempted murder charge following a violent clash at Millhaven Institution last month.

The Joint Forces Penitentiary Squad has charged David Bagshaw, 21, with attacking another inmate with a weapon March 20.

The 34-year-old victim suffered severe, non-life-threatening injuries.

Bagshaw was shot by corrections officers during the bloody assault, but his injuries were also not life-threatening.

One inmate, who was shot in the chest, died of his injuries.

Bagshaw was just four days shy of his 18th birthday when he lured 14-year-old Rengel from her Toronto home on New Year's Day 2008, stabbed her six times with a kitchen knife and left her to die in a snowbank.

The Joint Forces Penitentiary Squad is still investigating.

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▶ David Bagshaw

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Police chief to probe report of cop conduct

Not the first time police have caused courtroom controversy over seating when an officer is facing sentencing

Toronto police Chief Bill Blair has launched an inquiry into allegations that police officers tried to intimidate and bully a reporter covering the sentencing hearing of one of their own.

"He has initiated a chief's complaint," police spokesman Mark Pugash said yesterday.

"A complaint doesn't have to come forward for the chief to act."

The controversy erupted at the Tuesday sentencing of Det. Christopher Higgins, who was handed 90 days in jail for breaking a prisoner's arm in 2004.

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Investigation

- **Courtroom** Mike McCormack, president of the Toronto Police Association, said he was aware of the investigation, but couldn't comment directly on the allegations since he wasn't in the courtroom.
- **Emotions** "It could be a misunderstanding," he said, adding that sometimes in a "charged environment" emotions can take over.
- **Decorum** However, he said police officers are expected to follow court decorum, just like any member of the public sitting in the gallery.

CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

▶ Toronto police Chief Bill Blair and Mike McCormack, president of the Toronto Police Association. Blair has launched an inquiry into allegations that police officers tried to intimidate a reporter covering the sentencing hearing of one of their own.

Conservatives warn of Oshawa phone scam

Oshawa's Conservative candidate is warning people in his riding about an alleged phone scam using the party's name to solicit money and personal information from voters.

Colin Carrie, Oshawa's incumbent MP, issued a news release yesterday after his office received a number of complaints about a suspicious female caller claiming to work for the Conservative party. The caller allegedly tells people they will have to vote online in the upcoming election, then asks for an email address and other personal information and offers to sell the person a Conservative lawn sign.

No party charges for lawn signs, and there is no online voting in the federal election.

No complainant has reported directly to police, said Durham police spokeswoman Sgt. Nancy Van Rooy. "But if this fraudulent activity is happening, then yes, please let us know and we will investigate."

Carrie's campaign manager Judy Paty said they received about 20 complaints Tuesday about the suspicious caller, and they reported any information they had to police, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and the local returning officer.

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▶ Conservative incumbent MP Colin Carrie talks with resident Judy Patel yesterday in Oshawa.

"Our campaign believes that this is a clear attempt to defraud Oshawa residents and coerce them to provide information, which could compromise their personal security."
COLIN CARRIE, IN A NEWS RELEASE

Paid-duty review heads to police board

The city aims to save $2 million streamlining the Toronto police paid-duty program and limiting the hours officers are allowed to work.

Directing traffic and standing guard at construction sites, film shoots, special events and private functions outside regular work hours at a rate of $65 per hour boosts officers' earnings.

The annual cost of paid-duty policing in Toronto — nearly $30 million — is higher than in other major cities.

The program needs to be revamped, according to city auditor general Jeff Griffiths in a report.

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▶ City auditor Jeff Griffiths

Boy in murder case gets reduced sentence

A boy convicted of conspiring with two Toronto sisters to murder their mother has had his sentence reduced.

The boy, who can only be identified by the initials J.F., was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder and sentenced to an 18-month supervision order.

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TTC post for Ford insider

Former North York councillor Gordon Chong is the latest member of Mayor Rob Ford's transition team to be appointed to a high-paying public job — this time working with the TTC.

A former chair of GO Transit and vice-chair of the TTC, Chong will earn a salary equivalent to $100,000 a year as the president and CEO of Toronto Transit Infrastructure Ltd.

The appointment comes less than a month after Ford insider and former councillor Case Ootes was named head of Toronto Community Housing Corporation, with similar compensation.

Both former politicians also collect municipal pensions.

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Flamed love affair heads to trial early 2012

CAROLA VYHNAK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Melanie Bos

A senior manager at General Motors accused of setting fire to her fiancé's house almost two years ago will stand trial early next year.

Melanie Bos, 44, appeared in Oshawa court yesterday to set a tentative trial date in February on charges of arson and mischief.

Jim Hoy, a former union leader at GM in Oshawa, was engaged to marry Bos when his country home in Courtice was set on fire as he slept in June 2009.

The day before her arrest, Hoy learned Bos was still married and living with her husband. Bos, whom he had known for 20 years, had said she was a widow, Hoy told the Toronto Star in a recent interview.

The manager of the stamping plant, Bos was described as a talented rising star and one of the top-50 senior employees at General Motors of Canada Ltd. Hoy, 50, who became romantically involved with her after he retired in 2007, said he realized too late she was leading a double life. "Nobody believes it," he said of their story.

Her trial before judge and jury is expected to last three weeks.

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Old opponents, new battle in Markham

ISABEL TEOTONIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Tory candidate Paul Calandra talks with constituent Marian Goodman in his Oak Ridges-Markham riding.

Liberal attempts to win back seat from Tory rival in GTA riding

Election 2011

With campaign literature in hand, Lui Temelkovski knocks at a door in a Markham highrise.

A man cracks open the door and peers from behind. He looks at Temelkovski, a former two-term Liberal MP, and smirks. He is clearly fed up with politics.

"We need all the help we can get," says Temelkovski, referring to his stunning defeat in 2008, which saw the Liberal stronghold of Oak Ridges-Markham become a Tory riding led by Paul Calandra.

"This is a 'hold your nose and choose election,'" says the resident, adding, "I wish there was a box for: None of the above."

Temelkovski, who is working harder than ever to reclaim his seat, tries desperately to engage the man. Minutes later, the door is wide open and the two are talking about taxes.

Before moving on to the next apartment, Temelkovski entreats the man to "Come out and vote."

Getting people to the polls is the uphill battle faced by candidates in this tight race, which is heating up as they canvass almost round the clock.

Every vote counts, say front-runners Calandra and Temelkovski, who were neck and neck in 2008. Calandra unseated Temelkovski by a mere 545 votes.

Reaching voters is especially challenging in this sprawling patchwork of urban and rural communities, which includes Whitchurch-Stouffville and parts of Markham, Richmond Hill and the Township of King.

It's one of the largest, and fastest growing, electoral districts in the country, with 169,642 residents in the 2006 census, second by a hair to Brampton West.

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Horse race

Oak Ridges-Markham

- **Voter turnout in 2008:** 76,111 or 55.66%
- **Current candidates and parties:**
  Incumbent Paul Calandra (CON)
  Lui Temelkovski (LIB)
  Janice Hagan (NDP)
  Trifon Haitas (GRN)
- **Number of voters eligible in 2011:** 150,542

Careful not to wake the baby

Paul Calandra is determined to cover as much ground as possible and canvasses at breakneck speed, sometimes running from house to house. But he is careful to avoid homes with baby carriages out front for fear that he may disturb a sleeping baby.

He's so quick that on occasion he has already moved on to a neighbour's home by the time the first resident opens the front door, and has to dash back.

"Hi, I won't keep you. I'm Paul Calandra, the Conservative candidate. I'll just leave this with you," he often says, while handing over campaign literature and urging the person to call his office with questions or concerns.

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Stephen Harper doesn't want you at rallies if you're less than true blue

Prime Minister Stephen Harper dodged a question yesterday about why people are being turned away from Conservative rallies because of perceived ties to other parties.

"Far more people come out to hear us than the other guys have," Harper said when asked why the Tories are using social networking sites to screen their rally crowds.

Several of the people booted from Conservative rallies — one because of an NDP bumper sticker on his car, another for having attended a climate-change event — have said they went to hear Harper's message.

In the case of 19-year-old Awish Aslam — who reportedly broke into tears after she and her friend had their name tags torn up before they were escorted out — it was because of a photo on her Facebook page that featured a grinning Ignatieff.

"I think we're having good success getting people to come out. As I say, I think it's better when you're turning people away than when you can't get people to come."
STEPHEN HARPER

The prime minister's spokesman apologized for that incident, but Harper appears unfazed by the whole thing.

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DON'T RISK

- Layton hits themes of health care and poverty in B.C.
- NDP consistently poll ahead of Liberals in province

Election 2011

NDP Leader Jack Layton put on the political hard sell yesterday in rural British Columbia, warning residents the shape of Canada's health-care system for decades to come will be decided by who they elect May 2.

"If Mr. Harper is in charge of the future of health care in our country then Canadians should be very, very worried," he said after unveiling the party's national home-care program.

The health-care accord with the provinces is due to expire in 2014 and Layton said Canadians have been getting a peek at Conservative attitudes in the recent refusal by an Ontario candidate to debate the issue.

"That is the true face of the Conservative party perspective on health care," he said.

"They don't believe it's a federal issue. They want to leave it to the provinces knowing that the provinces don't have the resources that are necessary and privatization will become the only option."

Layton also took a swipe at Conservative star candidate Chris Alexander, the country's former ambassador in Afghanistan, who said poverty had been eliminated in Canada.

"This is an outrageous statement," he said. "We have begun to see the inside thinking of this Conservative party with this kind of comment."

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NDP home care

- Jack Layton's proposal is to put $250 million a year toward keeping the elderly in their own homes when they face chronic health issues.
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▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton plays with 11-month-old Lily Clark in the arms of her mother, Darlene, during a rally yesterday in Prince George, B.C.

PM's video duet booted off YouTube

Imagine: Prime Minister Stephen Harper yanked from YouTube. It's easy, if you try.

One version of Harper's campaign duet with 11-year-old singing sensation Maria Aragon of Winnipeg has been pulled from the video-sharing website.

Lenono Music, the company that holds the copyright to the John Lennon composition, Imagine, reportedly took umbrage at the unauthorized use of the song.

"This video is no longer available due to a copyright claim by Lenono Music," a notice on the site says. "Sorry about that."

Oddly, there are countless other clips of the very same Harper-Aragon duet on YouTube that have not been removed.

Indeed, the encounter between the pair remains available in a number of other places online, as well — including the Conservative party's own website.

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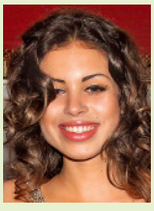
PROSTITUTION SCANDAL

Moroccan teen says media, not premier, damaging



The Moroccan teen at the centre of the underage prostitution scandal enveloping Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi insists any damage she has suffered has been at the hands of the media, not the Italian premier.

Neither Karima el-Mahroug, better known as Ruby, nor Berlusconi were present at the opening of Berlusconi's trial yesterday on charges he paid the teen for sex when she was underage, and then used his influence to try to cover it up.

Both have denied ever having had sex with each other — and Ruby is not budging from that line.

Named an injured party by the prosecution, el-Mahroug could have petitioned to become a civil complainant in the trial, which would have allowed her to seek monetary damages in case of conviction and also question witnesses in the case.

But, her lawyer said, it also would have been a tacit admission of the prosecutors' allegations.

"This contrasts with what Karima has always declared. She has always said she never the object of sexual acts by Premier Berlusconi, and she has never made the choice to be a prostitute," Paola Boccardi said.

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Boat capsizes in Italy

Reports say vessel had likely been at sea two days Coast guard official says rescue operations hampered by strong winds, rough waters

A boat carrying as many as 300 migrants from Libya capsized in rough seas off the Italian coast early yesterday, leaving 250 people unaccounted for. Survivors told of desperately trying to reach rescue boats as those unable to swim screamed in the darkness and pulled one another under the water.

If the number of dead is confirmed, it would prove the deadliest crossing to Italy in recent memory, and the worst refugee disaster since a wave of migrants began arriving on Italian shores in January following popular revolts in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.

The Italian coast guard rescued 48 people yesterday and a fishing boat picked up another three after the boat began taking on water shortly after 1 a.m.

"These people were refugees twice. I appeal to all those patrolling the Mediterranean Sea to do everything they can to help ..."

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Survivors told The International Organization for Migration that they swam toward approaching coast guard vessels, but many others drowned because they couldn't swim or were dragged back by screaming fellow passengers.

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▶ Survivors arrive at the Lampedusa harbour yesterday in southern Italy. Italian coast guard officials were trying yesterday to rescue migrants lost at sea after their boat capsized off the coast of Lampedusa, a tiny Italian island.

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Seeking an explanation

Guelph student told that involvement with environmental groups probably the reason she wasn't allowed to enter event that featured PM

As a young voter looking to learn more about what political parties stand for, Joanna MacDonald was thrilled to learn Conservative party Leader Stephen Harper was coming to Guelph for a campaign rally.

The 21-year-old environmental science student at the University of Guelph immediately went online to the local Conservative candidate's website and signed up to attend the event.

When she arrived Monday at the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre where Harper was scheduled to speak, her registration in hand, MacDonald was informed she was not welcome.

Why? An unidentified Conservative party official told her that her name had been "flagged." But she says no one was able to tell her the reason.

"I was told the RCMP had done a screening and that perhaps my name was affiliated with something on Facebook or the Internet," MacDonald told the Toronto Star. "Something that made me unfit to enter. They wouldn't say what it was."

MacDonald says she has never been affiliated with any political party. Nor has she participated in any anti-government or anti-Conservative rallies.

"I was shocked. This had never happened to me before, so I didn't really know how to deal with it."

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Royal wedding. Coins

▶ Gov. Gen. David Johnston applauds yesterday as a rendition of a new coin is displayed at the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa.

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A tsunami of protest

Anger flares in Yemen as thousands flock to the streets Death toll hits 120, but president refuses to go

Defying a deadly government crackdown, tens of thousands of protesters yesterday poured into the streets of Yemen's second largest city, Taiz, in the latest demonstrations against the 30-year president.

Two groups of protesters converged in the city centre where a general strike had closed shops and banks in what activists were calling the "Tsunami of Taiz."

More than 120 people have been killed since Yemen's protests calling for the removal of President Ali Abdullah Saleh began Feb. 11, inspired by popular uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt.

In Taiz alone, 16 people were killed Monday when government forces opened fire on demonstrators.

The rising death toll has helped inflame public opinion against the government and sent even more people flooding into the streets of the Arab world's most impoverished country.

Running out of food, water and oil, Yemen is wracked by a tribal rebellion in the north, a separatist movement in the south and the presence of an al-Qaida affiliate operating in the remote mountainous hinterlands.

Saleh has been a U.S. ally in the fight against al-Qaida, but there are signs he is losing American support.

"People will not accept anything but him leaving," said activist Boushra al-Moqtari.

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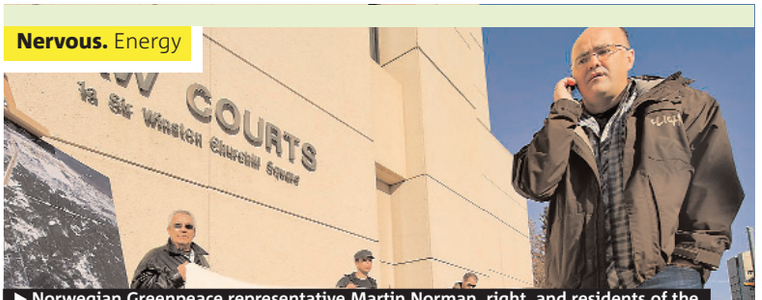

▶ Norwegian Greenpeace representative Martin Norman, right, and residents of the northern Alberta hamlet of Janvier-Chard protest yesterday at the first court appearance of Statoil at the Law Courts in Edmonton. The energy giant faces environmental charges.

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Activists monitor oilsands trial

Norwegian energy multinational Statoil made its first appearance on 19 environmental charges yesterday in an Edmonton courtroom, where they were put over until June 30. Statoil is accused of improperly diverting water at its oilsands project near Janvier-Chard in northern Alberta and misleading authorities.

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Joltin' joe: Price of coffee takes flight

Large Tim's to cost $1.57 plus tax ◐ Other restaurants to follow suit

As higher prices percolate at the country's largest coffee chain, Canadians should brace themselves to pay more for restaurant meals as well, experts say.

Tim Hortons customers will pay seven cents more for a large cup of coffee starting Monday. With the price of wheat rising 68.4 per cent over the past year, Tim's is also raising the cost of some baked goods, spokesman David Morelli said.

Tim Hortons' 4.5 per cent coffee price increase is in line with predictions that suggest a five to seven per cent increase in the price of food by the end of the year, said Adrienne Warren, senior economist at Scotiabank.

The price of coffee, cocoa, wheat, sugar, beef and other commodities started rising about nine months ago, and it takes about that long for costs to work their way down to consumers' wallets and restaurants, she said. The higher price of oil and gas used to deliver food adds to the price Canadians pay.

Some major Canadian food manufacturers are also charging more. Maple Leaf Foods raised its bakery prices by 20 cents per unit at the end of last month, and breadmaker George Weston Ltd. is charging five per cent more for its products. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

Because your partner is so often wrong, conflicts are a normal part of any relationship.

If you never argue, your relationship may have fundamental problems — such as an imaginary partner constructed from the shattered pieces of your psyche. Or a dead partner who, to you, just looks a little blue. Nobody wants to argue. But it's inevitable. Observe two typical arguments that come up between every couple.

Problem No. 1: She is upset because he left the toilet seat up, causing her to extend her arms for a moment to put the lid down. He counters that she leaves the lid down all the time, reducing his target area, then complaining when his aim falters.

Problem No. 2: He is upset because he wants to see the action flick Terminal Explosion 2 while she wants to see Love In The Time Of Whooping Cough. They compromise by seeing Last Airbender 2: The Second-Last Airbender and both go home miserable.

As you can see, the only possible solution is a good argument. That's why I have prepared the following guide for fighting the good fight. You're welcome.

Know your place: Sometimes it's best to hold your fire, even when you are right. For instance, never say, "That is the ugliest wedding dress I've ever seen" unless you are well in front of the congregation.

Take time outs: This allows your partner to think about just how wrong they are. Then, when they have relaxed, you pounce.

Use laughter: Make light of your partner's clothing, hair, or speech impediment to diffuse the tension, then watch the love grow.

Avoid broad statements: Never use broad, sweeping statements like, "I hope you burn in hell!" Instead, try more specific, realistic statements like, "It is my great wish that you will spend the rest of your life in a Saudi prison." From here, the healing can begin.

Yell: Screaming at the top of your lungs is a way of letting your neighbours know that you are so confident in this particular argument that you are willing to share its finer points with the entire neighbourhood, that they might scrutinize them.

Practise: You will never get good at bickering unless you do it every day.

Be prepared: If it's the male causing the problems — and it is — then couples may want to reduce the chance of injuries by purchasing a Nerf-brand Throwing Shoe.

And that's my advice. The only other tip I might give is never go to sleep angry. Every satisfactory argument should have a proper ending, much like a proper newspaper column.

So there.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Lady Gaga to guest edit Metro May 17 editions

International pop superstar Lady Gaga will be Global Guest Editor-in-Chief for all May 17 editions of Metro ahead of her highly anticipated Born This Way worldwide album release May 23.

In her role as Global Guest Editor-in-Chief, Lady Gaga will highlight issues surrounding equality and individuality, select stories and provide her comments on the breaking news of the day.

Lady Gaga will edit Metro's editions in 20 countries from the London office of Metro World News, Metro's central news desk.

As part of the Global Guest Editorship, Metro will also run a competition where one lucky reader — from one Metro country — will be chosen to serve as Lady Gaga's editorial assistant in London.

Contest

- **Stay tuned** to Metro and metronews.ca for more details on how to enter the contest and for exciting exclusives from Gaga.

The contest is open to Metro readers and Gaga fans around the world, and will challenge entrants to share what makes them Born This Way, and to identify what issues of equality affect them.

"Let's see how fans would define what Born This Way is for them," Lady Gaga said. "I say I was born to be brave.

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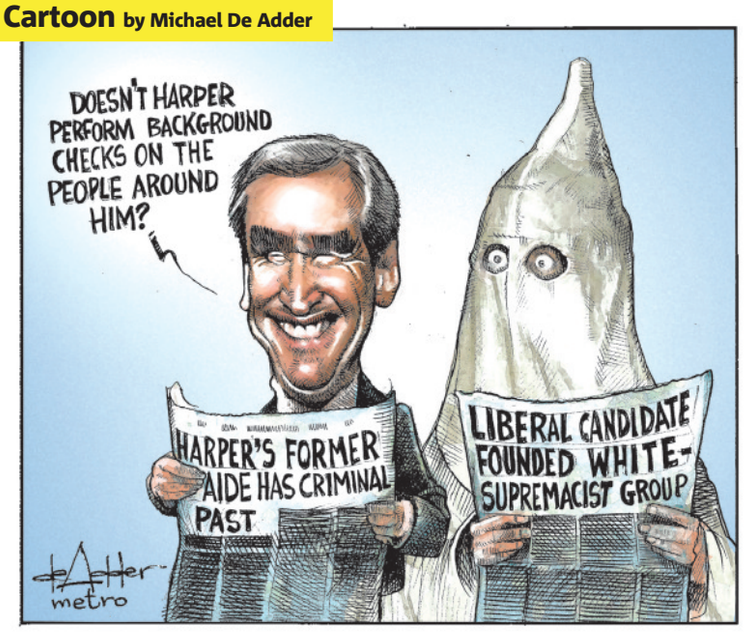

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We will send a selection of your questions to each party leader and print their responses in Metro on Wednesday, April 20.

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▶ Richard Ma: Actionmaker is one of the movies being screened at the Reel World Film Festival, which celebrates diversity.

Content key to a good film festival

BACKSTAGE PASS

IAN GORMELY
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Access to cultural activities is one of the great perks of living in Toronto. But sometimes the sheer choice can be overwhelming. Take film festivals for example: there are over 70 in the city each year and this weekend alone cinephiles can choose from three different fests. So just how do these festivals stay afloat and attract viewers year after year?

According to Moe Jiwan, board chair for the Reel World Film Festival, which runs through Sunday, it's all about finding your own niche.

"You have to have a raison d'etre," he says. "You can't just be a film festival for coffee drinkers."

Reel World focuses its programming on filmmakers of diversity. The Images Festival, which wraps up on Saturday, is concerned with what executive director Scott Miller Berry describes as artists working with moving images outside the commercial system. Both festivals also included training and development components for budding filmmakers.

Despite the seeming ubiquity of screening opportunities, both Jiwan and Miller Berry say there's more content available than there are theatres.

"It's like Bollywood," says Jiwan. "They make 1,000 films, but 950 of them are really bad."

Finding the right content — the job of the festival programmers — is the key to attracting your audience.

There's a lot of collegiality and sharing of information between the city's fests, which, excluding TIFF, make up $11 million in economic force.

Both Images and Reel World are non-profit and depend on government grants and a barrage of volunteers to function, so there is some friendly competition for resources. But the end goal for everyone involved is the same.

Sprockets

- **Kids.** While most of the city's film fests are decidedly adult focused in their programming, Sprockets, which runs through April 17, is specifically for the kids. An offshoot of TIFF, Sprockets showcases a wide array of films from around the world whose focus is clearly on the next generation of cinephiles.
- **Fun.** "They can feel a sense of ownership," says Shane Smith, the fest's director of public relations who firmly believes that watching movies is important in developing media literacy skills. More importantly though, it's also fun. "This building will be overrun with kids," he says. "It's a great day out."
- **Tickets.** For ticket information go to tiff.net/sprockets or call the Box Office at 416-599-TIFF or 1-888-599-8433.

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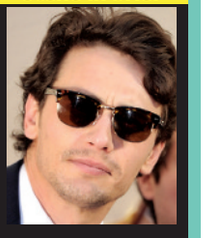
Scene in brief



James Franco has yet another new undertaking: employee of The Colbert Report. The actor appeared on the Comedy Central program Tuesday and said he wanted to work for host Stephen Colbert.
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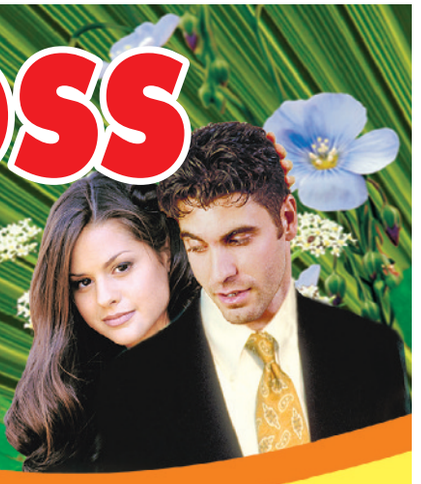

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▶ Former boxer Mike Tyson with an unlikely friend.

The amazing connection of man and bird

Brooklyn bullies first introduced Mike Tyson to pigeons He's been in love ever since

A fancy for pigeons has made former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson the baddest man on Animal Planet.

The ex-fighter with the nasty past and fearsome tattoo is the star of the six-part series Taking On Tyson, that documents his life-long relationship with the most urban of birds and his passion for pigeon racing.

His love affair with the birds goes back to his childhood in a rough section of Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was picked on by other boys for wearing glasses and being overweight.

"One day I was walking around school and three or four guys approached me," Tyson recalled this week. "They started checking my pockets, asking for money and then they asked me: 'Do you want to fly with us?'"

"This was pigeon terminology I didn't know. I said OK because I didn't want them to think I was scared.

The bullies sent Tyson from roof to roof, scaring pigeons back to their roosts, and doing other chores for an afternoon, then sent him on his way. They were surprised to see Tyson back again the next day, volunteering for more.

"That's how I started flying pigeons," he said. He once said his first fight was with a boy who killed one of his pigeons.

"How many people can get a job doing something they loved to do since they were a little kid?" he asked. "People all over the world are going to see it and it's going to broaden people's understanding of pigeons."

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IMAX goes wild — in 3-D

IMAX Director David Lickley takes viewers to Borneo and the Savannah

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Born To Be Wild 3D is the latest IMAX wildlife documentary that uses the immersive medium to transport audiences into the wonders of nature.

In this case, the focus is on the remarkable efforts of Dr. Birute Mary Galdikas, who saves and raises orphaned orangutans in the rainforests of Borneo, and Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick, who provides the same service for orphaned elephants in the Kenyan Savannah.

Veteran IMAX director David Lickley says he was attracted to the project because "these two women are absolutely amazing and the animals are fascinating, intelligent and passionate.

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▶ Watch these orphaned elephants get a new lease on life in Born to be Wild.

The stories of both the humans and the animals they rescue needed to be told."

Lickley described transporting his crew to the remote filming locations as "a logistical nightmare. We had 30,000 pounds of equipment that we had to take deep into the desert and rain forest."

The physical challenges of the project were immense, but aided by new technology created specifically for the movie.

"We built and pioneered a new 3-D IMAX camera that's digital with no film involved. It has the same IMAX quality, but also the lightness and quietness of digital photography. We could put the camera on a crane and go up 20 meters in the air in the rainforest. Things that had never been done before and allowed for an all new level of audience immersion."

Knight rises again

Criminals beware: Batman will be on the beat this summer in Pittsburgh.

Film director Christopher Nolan, who has helmed the two previous Batman films — starring Christian Bale as the caped crime fighter and his alter ego, Bruce Wayne — said Tuesday the Pennsylvania city will host filming for a third film for at least a month.

"Pittsburgh is a beautiful city. We have been able to find everything we were looking for here and I am excited to spend the summer in Pittsburgh with our final installment of Batman," he said in a statement, adding that he finally settled on the city because of its architecture and diverse sampling of locations.

Mayor Luke Ravensthahl said the decision was "another example of the growing film industry in our community and we will be rolling out the red carpet for them."

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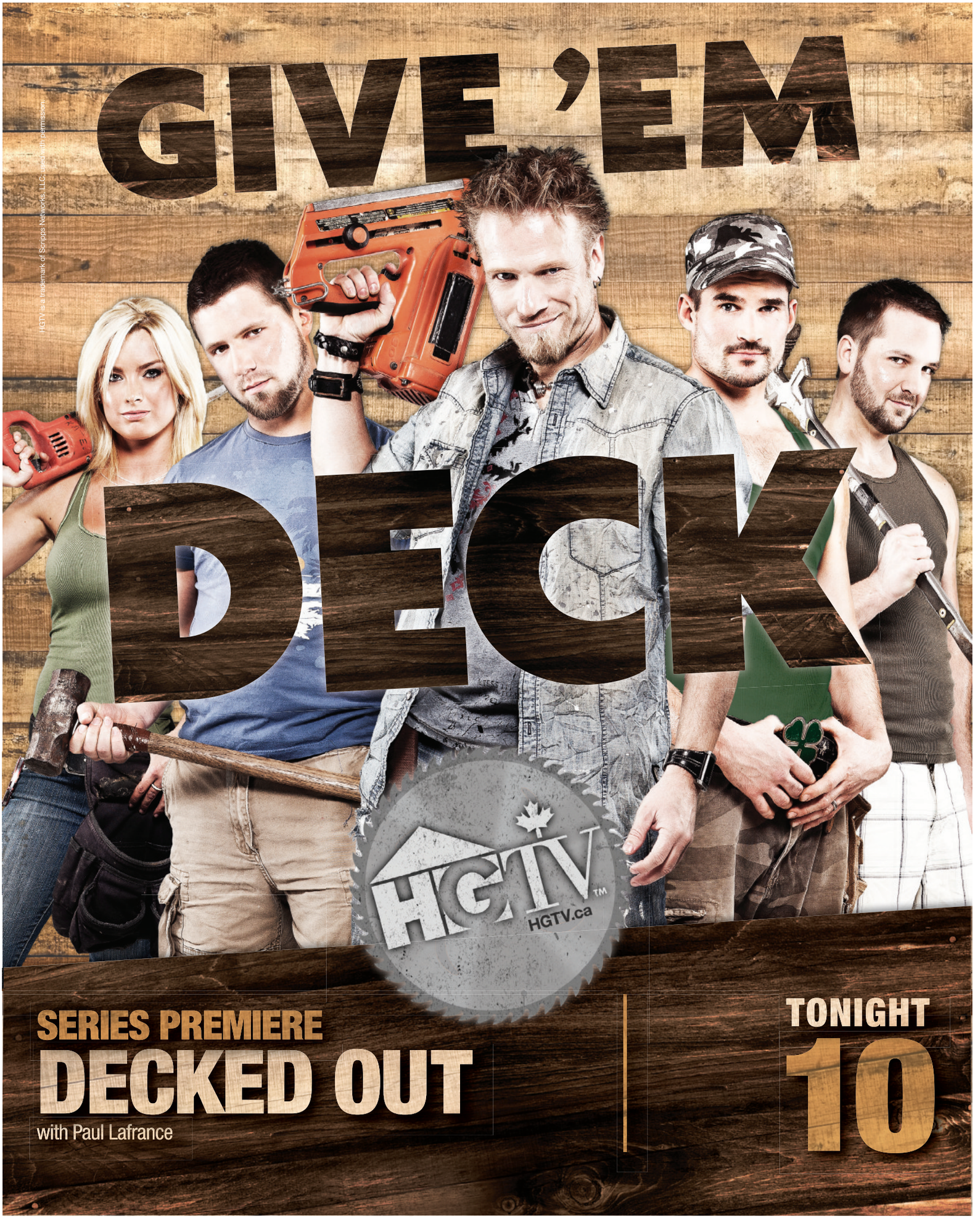

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Angie and Brad: It really must be love

Actress shows commitment in her usual form
Means she's really ready to settle down?

Angelina Jolie sparked new adoption speculation when she showed up in Tunisia with a new set of map coordinates tattooed on her arm.

The actress already has the coordinates for the birthplaces of her six adopted children, so a new set might suggest a new addition to the family, right?

Wrong.

Sources tell In Touch the coordinates are actually for partner Brad Pitt's birthplace in Oklahoma.

"She got the seventh line right around the time she and Brad moved the kids back to LA.," a source says.

"Angelina has finally agreed to Brad's long-standing request to settle down."

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▶ Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

▶ Lindsay Lohan

Lohan to play Manson victim?

There's at least one person in Hollywood who's eager to work with Lindsay Lohan: Her friend and photographer Tyler Shields, who is planning a movie about Charles Manson. Shields says he's eyeing Lohan to play Sharon Tate, the victim of Manson's crazed followers. "Sharon Tate was a movie star. So I want [an actress who] you already have a back story with. People have a back-story with someone like Lindsay," Shields, who plans on playing Manson himself.

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Celebrity tweets

@oliviawilde

"Cool it, honeybadgers. We are just friends and have been for years."

@charliesheen

"Dear Miley, Welcome back to Twitter! Always felt you were epic... Now you proved it! Thanks for the love!"

@AlbertBrooks

"Just found out I'm being followed by @charliesheen. Not just on twitter, I think he's outside."

@SarahKSilverman

"If you don't have enough regret in your life, try cutting bangs."

How to pull off neon at work

Day-Glo colours look great on the runway But in your little cubicle at work? We road test the season's eye-popping brights

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

If you're like me, Day-Glo colours conjure up images of a mixture of things — none of them particularly good. Think the synthetic hair on My Little Pony dolls, George Michael's short shorts in old Wham! videos, flickering Bud Light signs at gas stations and American Apparel leggings.

But in fashion, these cornea-popping brights couldn't be more "haute" courant. Think Christopher Kane's sublime laser cut leather and lace skirts in hot pink, Miu Miu's silk pleated dress in fluorescent yellow, or Jil Sanders bold florals. Blame them for all the candy colours you've been seeing in Zara, Top-

NICK CUNARD

Steven Alan silk blazer, netaporter.com

shop, H&M and the like. The challenge: wearing brights in a way that looks chic and not MTV circa 1983. You're not going to an awesome '80s theme party, after all.

Right about now, you may be imagining your boss balking at the sight of a dress in go-to-hell yellow, a flagrant rebellion against the navy, black and tan of nine-to-five world. Or someone on the train mistaking your neon orange blazer for a safety vest. Don't think about that.

This look can work in the office. There are several foolproof routes you can take. 1) The Small Doses Approach, in which you use neon as a pop of contrast against an otherwise sensibly coloured look. It could be as simple as a neon pink collar poking out from underneath the neckline of a respectable gray sweater, a fluo green belt cinching a nude coloured dress or a brazenly bright orange manicure. And then there's option 2) The Whole Hog Method, in which you take a series of separates in different bold hues (a green pencil skirt, blue button down and yellow trench coat, for instance) and wear them all at once — fashion types like to call it colour-blocking.

I've tried both at work and managed to even get a compliment from our hard-bitten news editor who rarely misses an opportunity to make fun of my fashion-loving ways. Nevermind that he followed the nice words up with this gem: "It's great and versatile. You can use it for cycling at night."

But even if he did crack wise, no worries. The most important rule when it comes to wearing a bold colour is to accessorize the look with your attitude. It's less about what others think of you in the outfit, and more about how you feel wearing it.

Wearing it

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▶ Yours truly, testing out the Small Doses Approach in the office. Suno blouse and dress, sunony.com

"The challenge: wearing brights in a way that looks chic and not MTV circa 1983."

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Beauty pick

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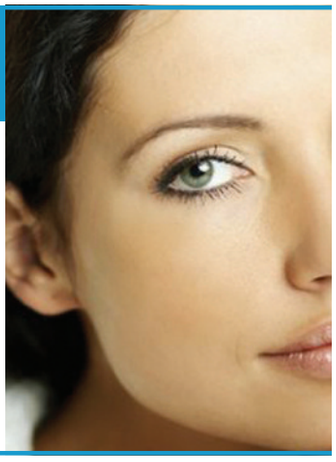

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Skin dilemma

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Microdermabrasion treatments, however ingenious, can sometimes distress your skin. Dr. Frances Jang, a dermatologist in Vancouver, has these tips to turn that mess around.

• Avoid hot water, harsh soap and exfoliants. "Cleanse with cool water and a non-lathering, soap-free formula like Cetaphil Gentle Skin Cleanser ($10, cetaphil.ca), or don't use a cleanser at all," says Jang.

• Avoid acne products. Their exfoliating properties will further upset the skin.

• Avoid sun exposure. You're more vulnerable to UV damage, so use a high-SPF sunscreen for sensitive skin.

• Use a plain moisturizer without anti-aging ingredients, or a soothing balm such as Bioderma Cicabio Soothing Repairing Cream (left), or La Roche-Posay Cicaplast ($19, laroche-posay.ca), designed to calm distressed skin and accelerate healing. And remember, "you can't use past experiences as a measure of how your next appointment will go.".

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Up and down

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Duffy-gate
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Women judge a man by his shoes — or so the old saying goes. Whether that's true or not, it's time to throw away those crappy, reeking, weather-beaten old faithfuls and opt for more colour. ● RICHARD PECKETT

1 CAR SHOE SCAMOSCIATO

The soft, classic driving shoe looks best in bright colors. Try a sorbet shade like this one in tangerine.
$395, carshoe.com

2 YMC NAVAJO DECK SHOE

No, you're not hallucinating, it's just YMC's rather trippy interpretation of the stuffy old deck shoe.
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3 JIL SANDER MEMPHIS 717 DERBY

The clown shoe goes high fashion in the house of Jil Sander. These will liven up any suit.
$816, jilsander.com

Style pick

Trouser envy at J.Crew

By the time autumn rolls around, you may well be burnt out on all of summer's sweeping skirts and dresses. Cue J.Crew's fall '11 collection, which is filled with covetable trousers for men and women that will make you go, "maxi who?" ● KENYA HUNT

All yesses for these dresses

When Kate Middleton walks down the aisle later this month to marry Prince William, the would-be brides watching out there will almost certainly home in on her dress. Some wedding dresses leave a legacy beyond the next-day knockoffs. Here are some famous brides who set fashion trends. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Diana, Princess of Wales
A princess couldn't wear the prairie, bohemian bridal looks that closed out the '70s, and Diana's 1981 gown by Elizabeth Emanuel helped usher in an era of opulence and formality. The shoulders were exaggerated, the skirt full and the sleeves pouffy. The train was 7.6 metres long.

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Ivanka Trump
Her 2009 wedding wasn't a global news event, but her lace gown by Vera Wang became a sensation because it showed a fresh, feminine way to wear sleeves — which had largely fallen out of favour. Trump's dress, with its illusion lace neckline, was inspired by Grece Kelly's, although this had a cleaner, more contemporary silhouette.

AP PHOTO/FILE

Grace Kelly
Kelly's gown, made by costumer Helen Rose and the wardrobe department of MGM, was "truly designed by Hollywood," says Martini Bratten. There was a high neckline, a cinched waist and a big ballskirt — all befitting a new royal. But the collar, sleeves and overlay were lace, so there was still a glimpse at the more revealing sweetheart bodice, more in line with what one would expect from a movie star.

AP PHOTO/FILE

Bianca Jagger
Neither a princess, presidential relative nor movie star, Jagger created a sensation as a fashion rebel when she married Mick Jagger in a Savile Row-made pantsuit, also in 1971. She represented a cool jet-setter, not a princess bride.

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Carolyn Bessette Kennedy
The extravagance of the mid-'80s largely went out with the stock-market crash in 1987, and wedding gowns started becoming simpler and chicer. Bessette Kennedy's bias-cut Narciso Rodriguez gown in 1996 became the quintessential wedding dress of the era, says Martini Bratten. "It was sexy, unadorned but beautifully cut. It was modern — and it came about just the time the destination wedding was picking up steam — which it was perfect for," she says.

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▶ Canadian bridalwear designer Ines Di Santo shows a wedding dress in Toronto.

Kate's dress to dictate sales

Middleton copycats are sure to abound, bridalewear experts say

When Kate Middleton emerges from a Rolls-Royce outside Westminster Abbey on her wedding day, she won't just be taking steps towards a life of royalty – she'll be blazing a trail for future bridal wear trends.

"There's no question it will be a big impact in fashion the way it was with Lady Diana," said luxury bridal and eveningwear designer Ines Di Santo in an interview at her Toronto bridal salon against a backdrop of lavish gowns bathed in a rich range of creamy hues.

"I remember seeing (in) every window they had a copy of the Lady Diana dress. Every city," she added. "I was in Italy, there was a lady dressed up like Lady Diana. If I was in New York, there was a dress of Lady Diana. Canada, of course, I walked by (stores) and saw a lot of them."

Cynthia Martyn, owner of Sash & Bustle, a Toronto boutique featuring modern bridesmaid dresses and bridal alternatives, said while there's obvious widespread interest in Middleton's gown among fans and fashionistas, there's no doubt that designers are also taking notice.

"As soon as we have an inkling to what this dress looks like, you're going to see reinterpretations of that at every price point," said Martyn, a wedding and event planner and creative director of Cynthia Martyn Events. "Everything from the Vera Wangs of the world right down to David's Bridal that has just come into Canada with lower-priced bridal gown options, they're going to have their version of it. So there's no doubt." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fashion fantasies up for bids

Bidding has begun on a vacation at the private home of Diane von Furstenberg in the Bahamas, a style consultation from Rachel Zoe and the chance to have a custom-made Barbie in your likeness. They are among the experience-oriented auction items offered by the Council of Fashion Designers of America for its Fashion & Friends for Japan charity initiative.

All proceeds raised through the online auction on Charitybuzz.com benefit the Japan Society's Japan Earthquake Relief Fund.

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Christophe Decarnin makes exit

Christophe Decarnin, the French designer whose sexy rocker pagoda-shouldered jackets and tiny minidresses turned Paris' once-floundering Paris house of Balmain into one of the world's hottest labels, is leaving, the fashion house said Wednesday. Speculation has swirled since the notoriously shy designer failed to appear for a bow after his fall-winter 2011-12 ready-to-wear show last month.

Yesterday's brief statement from Balmain didn't provide any details about the reasons for his departure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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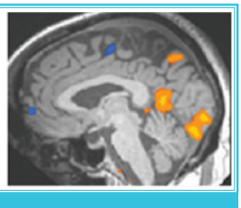

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Springtime window treatments

Here comes the sun: Decorating expert Karl Lohnes offers tips on dressing up your windows

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▶ Window treatments serve many purposes, such as keeping the sun out and providing privacy. But perhaps most importantly, they dress the windows on the inside and can give your living space an elegant, pleasing look.

It's easy to see why so many people leave their windows barely covered.

Considerations like function, style, colour and cost get most people nervous, allowing a bed sheet to do the job for them. Unless you live in the country, most of us need window treatments not only for privacy, but to keep the sun out and to dress the windows on the inside.

There are three mainstay choices for window trends this spring: draperies, shades and sheers. Here's a quick debriefing of what they're all about and where to use them.

For the past decade we've seen draperies go by the wayside to blinds but the pinch-pleated, fully lined couture-looking drapes are making a return. They are usually installed as inoperable side panels and dress up the room with fabric and colour.

Lush fabrics are what's hottest right now — shiny silks in bright colours and linen in neutral tones are most popular.

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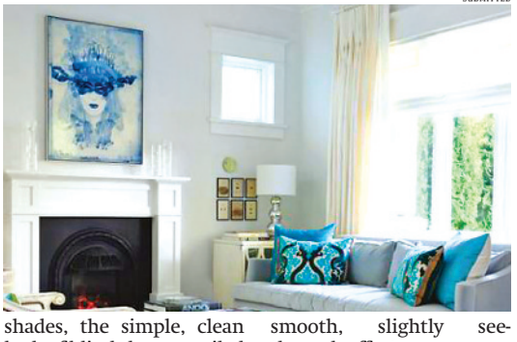

Drapes should be hung ½ above the window for low ceilings and ⅔ above the window in a room with higher ceilings.

Never should the drapery rod be hung just at the top of the window or all the way up at the ceiling.

Draperies should not touch the floor (½ inch off the floor is perfect) which will give them a cleaner, tailored look. They need to have another fabric lining behind for fullness, body and sun protection.

Wondering what colour of drapery fabric to choose? Match it to your wall colour. A shade lighter or darker will work best, for as long as your paint colour is working in the room, then so will the drapes.

Whether it be shutters, mini blinds or sheer shades, the simple, clean look of blinds has prevailed in window fashions for quite a long time. I believe that every window needs some sort of a blind system to filter the light and offer privacy. What's fashion-forward for spring are matchstick-style roman blinds in neutral sand and driftwood tones for a rustic look, or roll-up woven sheer-weave blinds that create a smooth, slightly see-through effect.

Motorized blinds are all the rage in spaces with tall ceilings. One touch of remote (yes, another remote in our lives) and the blinds can be brought up or down.

For longevity, blinds should be similar colour/tone as the window trims. If you have white window frames then your blind should be white. For wooden trims, a neutral linen or pale brown tinged blind will work best.

We all think of sheers as something our grandmother had in the '50s and '60s: shiny, see-through fabric bunched up to the living room window.

Sheers have made a return — they offer privacy and light control when closed and the softness of draperies that blinds cannot give. They are also great looking when stretched wall to wall in a room.

They'll give big impact and help to hide various uneven windows and balcony doors. Look for natural materials for blinds like gauzy linens and cottons (no shine please!).

Good sheers will be custom made to sit ½ inch off the floor and will be weighted at the bottom so they hang straight down for a tailored appearance.

The easiest way to hang them is with a hospital track style rod which sits tight to the ceiling and is barely noticeable. A great option to sheers is the Luminette Privacy Sheers from Hunter Douglas (hunterdouglas.ca).

They have the ease of a vertical blind and the clean-lined look of modern sheers. Sheer-type window treatments tend to look best in fresh, crisp white or in a fabric choice, which is the same colour as the walls.

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HOMEWORK FOR FIRST-TIME AND NEW HOME OWNERS

Rooftop Surfing

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If you're a would-be first-time homebuyer, two different organizations are putting you in the spotlight this month, with the Canadian Home Builders' Association celebrating April as New Homes Month and Genworth Financial promoting Homeownership Education Week, April 11-15, 2011. Both organizations have great resource information on their websites, while Genworth, the largest private provider of mortgage insurance in Canada, has taken its outreach to the social media level.

If you visit chba.ca and click on The Door is Open, you will find 31 articles about new homes, the benefits of buying new, the home buying process and financing your new home. These articles reflect the collective wisdom and experience of our entire industry as well as our dedication to making sure your new home buying experience is completely positive.

Meanwhile, at homeownership.ca, Genworth offers informative articles as well as videos on the housing market, mortgage insurance, the importance of credit and a special video for new Canadians anxious to pursue our Canadian dream of homeownership.

Going one step further, Genworth has created a webinar series that will run each day of Homeownership Education Week, including one hosted by yours truly on Thursday, April 14 at 11:30 a.m. The webinar is free and you can register online at homeownership.ca.

Since this message is targeted primarily at first-time homebuyers who may find websites a little old-fashioned, you can also find the Genworth resources on Facebook at genworthsmartshopper.ca.

Things have sure changed since my first-time buying days when you would grab a newspaper or magazine, find all the projects in your price range and drive all over the GTA picking up brochures, but once you've done all your homework, that's when the real fun begins.

Wood panelling redo

This eyesore can be easily done away with and it won't cost too much

A trend of the 1960s, wood panelling is found in many old houses. It commands the room's attention and is often considered an eyesore for homeowners who prefer bright, crisp walls. Luckily, painting over the wood panelling is incredibly easy and cost-effective.

DIY Network Canada's House Crashers (airing Wednesdays at 9 p.m. ET/PT and 9:30 p.m. ET/PT) offers a step-by-step guide to bringing a room into the 21st century.

Prep the space

Before priming and painting, lay down a drop cloth or layers of newspaper to protect the floor. Also, apply painters tape to the ceiling and baseboards to facilitate a clean line finish.

Prep the wood

To get the panels ready for their makeover, fill nail holes and other imperfections with caulk.

When the caulk dries, sand it down and run a moist cloth over the entire wall to wash away any dust and debris. Unless the panelling is splintered or extra glossy, there is no need to sand the entire wall.

Prime time

Picking a primer is an important step when painting wood panelling.

An oil-based primer is recommended over a water-based one, because oil-based formulas are more durable.

This means no grease or wood stains will come through and ruin the final finish. Using a paint roller, apply a thin and even coat of primer over all the wood panelling.

Use a paint brush to cover any cracks and corners that the roller didn't reach to ensure that the entire surface is covered.

Get painting

Once the primer dries, use a high-quality paint roller to apply one thin and even coat of latex paint.

Again, use a paint brush to get to any spots the roller missed. Allow the paint to dry completely and then apply a second coat for better coverage and a richer colour.

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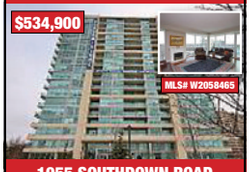

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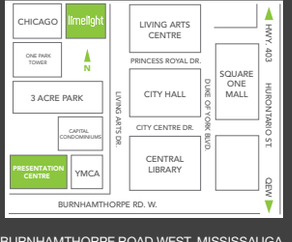

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Eight steps to energy efficiency

Award winning writer and mother of four breaks down how to break your energy consumptive habits at home

Canadians everywhere are concerned about the rising cost of energy.

Though many are looking to cut this expense, they are also concerned about the effect making these changes will have on their lifestyle.

Kathy Buckworth, mother of four and award winning writer, says saving energy and reducing energy costs doesn't have to be cumbersome — it can be as easy as making a few simple changes. B

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▶ Worried about your meter going into overdrive? There are ways to cut costs.

Replace old appliances

You can reduce refrigerator energy use up to 40 per cent by replacing a 1993 or older unit with a new, energy-efficient model. When buying a refrigerator it is important to select the right size for your needs. A model that is too big wastes both money and energy.

Pick the right products

Today, many companies are providing products that help Canadians use less energy to lessen their impact on the environment. When at the grocery store, look for products like those in P&G's Future Friendly line-up that can help you reduce your impact on the environment while still using the products you know and trust.

Turn off the lights

Are you, or someone in your family, guilty of leaving the lights on?

This is the easiest habit to fix — simply turn off the lights as you leave a room and you'll ease your energy consumption.

Replace your old bulbs

Incandescent light bulbs are not environmentally friendly, and they consume more energy. Replace any incandescent with florescent compact bulbs to see immediate results.

Get EnergyStar appliances

Greener technology is readily available and many of your favourite brands are selling state of the art appliances that help reduce water and energy use. When you're looking for your next upgrade, choose appliances with the EnergyStar rating.

Wash in cold water

Your biggest savings can be found by simply using cold water for your laundry. Try using detergents specially designed to clean in cold water conditions, like Tide Coldwater.

Turn it off and save

When you go for a coffee break or leave the office for a short time — consider turning off the monitor. That alone will save 60 per cent of the total energy used by the computer.

Enjoy the fresh air

Try opening your east and south facing windows during the day instead of blasting the air conditioning.

And for the days where you'll be using your air conditioning, use a programmable thermostat that can automatically adjust the temperature setting for those times you know you'll be out.

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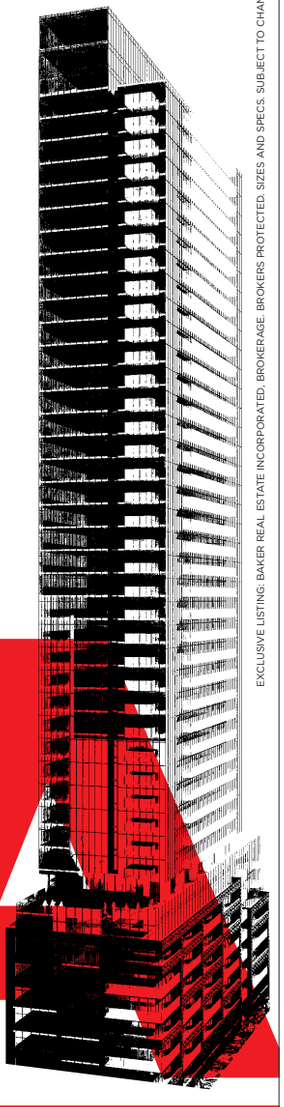

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Fit for a living room, meant for outdoors

Sunroom and porch decorating that can survive the seasons

It's been a long, hard winter in much of the country.

Towering snowdrifts, icy roads, freak hailstorms.

For many of us, spring can't come fast enough, and with it the chance to enjoy our porches, patios and sunrooms.

Options abound for making these indoor/outdoor spaces look stylish.

But can we have all that gorgeous style while using durable, easy-to-care-for items that will stay looking good all season?

The experts say yes — if you choose carefully.

"When it comes to materials, now more than ever the gap has been bridged between indoor and outdoor. There are a ton of pieces that look fit for your actual living room, but they're meant to be outdoors," says designer and decordemon.com founder Brian Patrick Flynn. "A lot of people are beginning to find that perfect outdoor sofa and bring it into their sunroom."

Here, Flynn and two other experts — Los Angeles-based interior designer Betsy Burnham and decorator and design blogger Nick Olsen — offer advice on creating beautiful sunrooms and porches that you can enjoy effortlessly.

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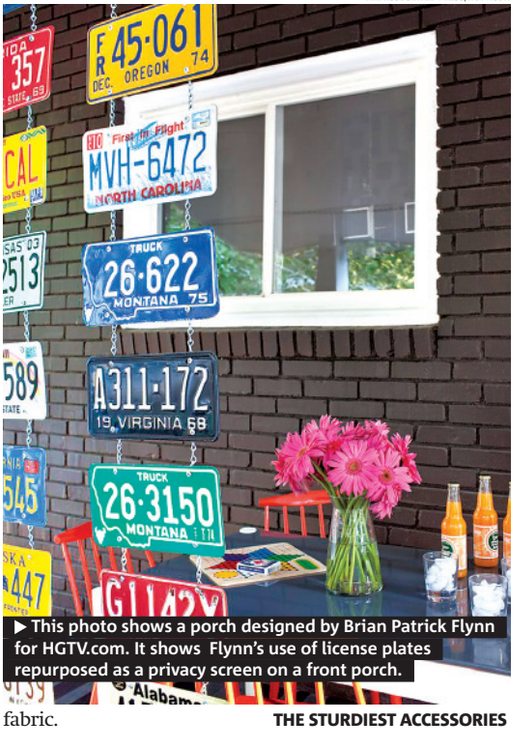

▶ This photo shows a porch designed by Brian Patrick Flynn for HGTV.com. It shows Flynn's use of license plates repurposed as a privacy screen on a front porch.

THE RIGHT FABRICS

Outdoor fabrics have come a long way since the plastic-coated 1970s. These designers all praise Sunbrella and other high-end outdoor fabric companies for their wide selection of colours, styles and textures.

"But," warns Olsen, "really good outdoor fabrics don't come cheap." He recommends buying a basic indoor sofa at a reasonable price from a retailer, then recovering just the seat cushions and a few throw pillows in a pricey outdoor fabric.

THE OLDEST OBJECTS

"Something that's been through a lot already is going to be able to put up with even more," Burnham says. She suggests using vintage furniture and accessories that have already withstood the elements to give porches and sunrooms a dose of personality.

Search flea markets for items made of worn wood and metal. If they become further scuffed, it only adds to the beauty.

THE EASIEST FLOORS

Flynn suggests using porch paint on wood or cement floors to bring colour and pattern without a rug. Spill some food or drink? It wipes up easily. And if the painted floor gets worn as the summer wears on, no problem. A faded patina adds to the charm.

THE STURDIEST ACCESSORIES

Like outdoor fabrics, plastic dinnerware has come a long way in recent years. Burnham has found chic Suzani-print plates that are "fabulous. You'd never imagine they were plastic."

For durable seating, Burnham says L.L. Bean's basic rocking chairs have a classic style and are built to last.

THE SOFTEST LIGHTING

In the evening, you can raise the style quotient of your porch or sunroom by using warm, flattering light.

"Hanging lighting is a very interesting way to dress up your porch," Burnham says, "and there are certain kinds of fixtures that you can use safely outside." Look for ones that are "wet-rated," meaning they're safe even in rain.

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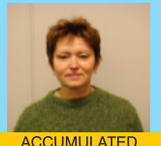

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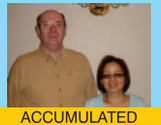

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Gardening on the roof: Your right to grow

What if you could harvest your own veggies at work — from the roof Rooftop gardens are the perfect venue

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▶ Mohamed Hage, founder and president of Lufa Farms Inc., poses for a photograph in his rooftop greenhouse in Montreal.

Imagine an office where a basket of freshly farmed vegetables is only a flight of stairs away.

That's the vision of Mohamed Hage, the founder of what he calls the world's first commercial rooftop greenhouse.

At street level, there's little sign of natural life in this concrete-laden, traffic-heavy corner of Montreal.

But inside, a small team of workers tend to what will soon produce an abundance of tomatoes, cucumbers, bok choy and more.

Hage has ambitions to set up multiple rooftop farms around the city like this one, which aims to provide 1,000 families with weekly veggie baskets year-round.

The project offers a solution for city dwellers seeking fresh, pesticide-free veggies with a minimal carbon footprint, he says.

"You can imagine how many people we can feed with the small percentage of the roofs in Montreal," says Hage, 29, who has been working to get the company — called Lufa Farms — off the ground for four years.

"The best advantage that we can bring to the consumer is the fresh produce all year round."

Hage says he came up with the idea as an answer to concerns over the impact of conventional agriculture on the environment and on food safety.

He sees the business as a logical progression of the local food movement, appealing to those who favour fresh, high-quality produce from nearby farms.

Hage says the facility employs controlled-environment agriculture, which allows the operation to yield as much produce as a conventional farm 10 times its size.

It also collects rainwater for its crops and re-circulates water used for irrigation. While some may scoff at paying $22 a week for a basket of veggies, environmentally conscious foodies who can afford it may be sold on the idea.

The limited packaging and minimal transportation make it a green-friendly choice, but the biggest selling point may be the improved taste.

"The primary reason it tastes better is because we're harvesting everything fresh, when it's ripe," says Lauren Rathmell, a McGill University biochemistry grad who oversees the cultivation of seeds on one side of the greenhouse.

"We can pick something in the morning and it's on their plate by evening."

If the setup seems like a no-brainer, why haven't such rooftop gardens become commonplace?

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QUESTION: I have recently purchased an older home that I plan on tearing down and building a new home on the lot. In all honesty, I am not interested in the property for the building but actually just the value of the land. I have approached a lender to assist me with the purchase but there have been huge problems with obtaining a mortgage after I indicated that I was planning on levelling the present structure and building a new home. Now my funding is questionable but I am bound to a firm Agreement of Purchase and Sale. What should I do?

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Top 10 dream home features

NEWS CANADA

▶ Every desirable home should have a backyard finished patio, right?

If you were given a chance to design a dream home, what features would you choose first?

Take a look at the most popular wish list in 2011 from Nudura, a leading firm in building technology:

1. Curb appeal. Home exterior, driveway, and landscaping must attract admiring attention.

2. Concrete and natural stone, rather than wood framing and brick. These homes (nudura.com) are not only beautiful, they are stronger, more sound resistant, and far more energy efficient than wood frames and brick.

3. Maximum energy efficiency throughout from top to bottom.

4. Solar panels in the roof to generate a personal energy source.

5. A large, designer kitchen with natural stone countertops and futuristic appliances, cabinetry and waterworks.

6. Natural hardwood flooring like Brazilian cherry and sustainable bamboo.

7. A sunroom, a front porch, and a backyard finished patio.

8. Vessel sinks, or free-standing bowls above the bathroom countertop, accompanied by wall–mounted faucets.

9. Bedroom walk out or balcony.

10. Designer bathtubs and walk-in shower with marble tile, a seating bench and rainfall showerhead. **NEWS CANADA**

Naturally sweeten your diet with Medjool dates

This pasta mixes sweet and savoury with dates, feta cheese & spinach

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The dates used in this pasta are full of fibre, potassium and magnesium.

DINNER EXPRESS

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A combination of sweet and savoury makes this Medjool Date-Nut Pasta tasty and adds a different twist to your dinner table.

With fresh spinach and salty feta, the sweet tender dates are the perfect addition to the fettuccine.

Registered dietitian Bridget Davidson says Medjool dates, with their fibre, potassium and magnesium, are an excellent addition to the diet. They are fat- and sodium-free and a serving of two dates contains 140 calories.

"They are also an excellent source of polyphenols, which can ... help to reduce some risks of some free radicals. Free radicals can cause cancer. So dates ... are one of several fruits and vegetables that can certainly add to that high level of antioxidants which we need," Davidson said.

Preparation:

1. In large bowl, combine spinach, feta, dates and walnuts; set aside.
2. In bowl, whisk together oil and lemon juice. Drizzle over spinach mix and toss to coat evenly.
3. Garlic Breadcrumbs: In skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook garlic for 30 seconds; remove. Add breadcrumbs and cook, stirring until browned. Set aside.
4. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling water, cook pasta for about 10 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and return to pot. Add spinach mixture to pasta and toss to combine well. Divide among 6 plates and sprinkle with toasted breadcrumbs.

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Ingredients:

- 10 cups (2.5 L) spinach leaves, coarsely chopped
- 8 oz (250 g) feta cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) pitted and chopped Medjool dates
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped walnuts, toasted
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lemon juice
- 1 lb (500 g) fettuccine
- Salt and d black pepper

Garlic Breadcrumbs

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, sliced
- 1 cup (250 mL) fresh breadcrumbs

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Chicken & Crispy Wonton Salad

Preparation:

1. In skillet, heat canola oil and fry wontons over high heat until crisp and golden, turning once. Drain on absorbent paper.
2. Dressing: In bowl, whisk lime juice and zest, soy sauce, brown sugar, sesame oil, shallots and sesame seeds. Mix chicken with half of the dressing; set aside. In bowl, toss basil, mint and cilantro with arugula.
3. To assemble salad: Divide arugula and herb mixture among 4 plates. Top with a crispy wonton, some chicken, slivers of red pepper and 5 ml (1 tsp) of the dressing. Add another layer of crispy wonton, chicken, red pepper and another 10 ml (2 tsp) of the dressing. Garnish salad stacks with green onion, peanuts, sesame seeds and a sprig of fresh basil.

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Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts, skinless, bone-in, roasted and diced
- 250 ml (1 cup) canola oil
- 8 wonton wrappers
- 50 ml plus 30 ml (1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp) lime juice
- 10 ml (2 tsp) lime zest
- 15 ml plus 10 ml (1 tbsp plus 2 tsp) soy sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brown sugar, packed
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely minced shallots
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame seeds, plus for garnish
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) basil leaves, minced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) mint leaves, minced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cilantro leaves, minced
- 1.5 l (6 cups) arugula (rocket)
- 1 red pepper, cut into slivers
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped green onions
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped peanuts
- 4 sprigs basil

From TV screens to bookstores

Kary Osmond knows her way around the kitchen and has been familiar with culinary undertakings since she was six.

"I helped in my parents' Ukrainian deli in Mississauga (west of Toronto), getting platters ready for banquets and other events," says the 32-year-old host of CBC TV's show Best Recipes Ever, which airs weekdays at 3 p.m.

It's a gig Osmond has aspired to for years. She always dreamed of having a cooking school or show.

After graduating from the chef's program at Toronto's George Brown College, she landed a position at a restaurant.

In her spare time, she was an avid viewer of the Food Network Canada and Canadian Living Cooks.

So it was fortuitous that she would be chosen for Best Recipes Ever, because, coincidentally, Osmond takes advantage of Canadian Living Magazine's vault of recipes and mealtime solutions on the show.

Busy home cooks can now also find many of those same recipes in one collection entitled Best Recipes Ever: Easy, Affordable, Healthy Meal Solutions for Everyday Occasions (Transcontinental Books, $29.95, paperback).

It showcases all of the recipes featured on the show's first and second seasons.

Here is a recipe for halibut curry from the book. It is one of Osmond's favourites. It comes together quickly and is elegant enough for dinner guests.

Preparation:

1. Remove skin (if any) from halibut; cut fish into 4-cm (1 1/2-inch) cubes. Set aside.
2. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat; cook onion, garlic, curry paste, ginger, jalapeno (if using), coriander, salt and turmeric, stirring occasionally until onion is softened, about 6 minutes. Add spinach; cook, stirring, until wilted about 2 minutes.
3. Stir in tomatoes and 250 ml (1 cup) water; bring to a boil. Add fish; reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until fish flakes easily when tested, about 8 minutes. Stir in lemon juice.

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Ingredients:

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) halibut (or other firm-fleshed white fish)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) mild curry paste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) minced ginger root
- Half jalapeno pepper (optional), minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground coriander
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground turmeric
- 1 l (4 cups) baby spinach (about a 170 g bag)
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) canned crushed tomatoes

4 sports

Kovalchuk's 30th helps sink Leafs

Ilya Kovalchuk scored his 30th goal and added an assist to lead the New Jersey Devils to a 4-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs last night.

Mattias Tedenby, Henrik Tallinder and Patrik Elias also scored for the Devils in the game that matched two teams that made desperate second-half playoff runs only to fall short.

DEVILS	MAPLE LEAFS
4	2

Martin Brodeur had 22 saves but had to sweat out the final minutes after Phil Kessel and Tyler Bozak scored third-period goals for the Leafs to make it close.

Kovalchuk extended his string of 30-goal NHL seasons to eight when he scored at 13:47 of the first with New Jersey on a power play.

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▶ James Reimer defends the net against Nick Palmieri.

Jays keep rolling

Snider hits three-run home run; Litsch gets first win since last July

Travis Snider belted a three-run homer and Yunel Escobar had three hits as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Oakland Athletics 5-3 last night.

Snider's blast came in the fourth inning off Athletics starter Dallas Braden (0-1). Jays starter Jesse Litsch (1-0) went 6⅓ innings for the victory in front of 11,684 fans at Rogers Centre. Closer Jon Rauch recorded the final two outs for his first save. Toronto improved to 4-1 on the young campaign while Oakland fell to 1-4. The Blue Jays will try to complete a sweep of the three-game series this afternoon.

Hideki Matsui knocked in two runs for the Athletics, who were outhit 11-6 by Toronto.

Escobar was pulled from the game in the seventh inning as a precaution. He experienced dizziness after hitting his head on Andy LaRoche's leg when he slid into third base after a triple in the fifth.

The Blue Jays did not have slugger Jose Bautista in the lineup for the second straight game for personal reasons. The 2010 home-run king was expected to return tomorrow for the opener of a three-game road series against the Los Angeles Angels.

BLUE JAYS	ATHLETICS
5	3

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▶ Travis Snider celebrates his three-run homer.

Quoted

"Although there is a lot of recovery and healing to take place, I am very optimistic for a good outcome."

INJURED VANCOUVER CANUCKS CENTRE MANNY MALHOTRA IN A STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE TEAM YESTERDAY. THE 30-YEAR-OLD HAS UNDERGONE TWO SURGERIES AFTER BEING HIT IN THE LEFT EYE BY A PUCK MARCH 16.

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Cavaliers win battle of East's worst teams

- Bayless scores 28 points, but Cleveland tops Toronto
- Bargnani's sore right ankle keeps him out of game

CAVALIERS	RAPTORS
104	96

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▶ J.J. Hickson slams home a dunk last night.

J.J. Hickson scored 28 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 104-96 win over the Toronto Raptors last night in a game between two teams playing out storylines on similar seasons.

Jerryd Bayless scored 28 points to top the Raptors (21-57), who have just four games left in their disappointing season. DeMar DeRozan added 19 points, while Reggie Evans had a season-high 15 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds, and Sonny Weems finished with 17 points.

Both Toronto and Cleveland have struggled to find their identities this season after losing their franchise players. Former Raptor Chris Bosh and former Cav LeBron James joined the Miami Heat in the off-season.

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OLYMPICS

Win for women ski jumpers

After an unsuccessful legal battle for inclusion at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, women's ski jumping won its place yesterday on the program for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

The International Olympic Committee executive board also approved the addition of men's and women's ski halfpipe, mixed relay in biathlon and team events in luge and figure skating.

"The inclusion of these events ... is sure to be appreciated by athletes and sports fans alike," IOC president Jacques Rogge said.

The IOC twice rejected women's ski jumping for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, saying the sport lacked enough elite competitors.

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Man U bests Chelsea

Wayne Rooney put Manchester United a big step closer to the Champions League semifinals yesterday, scoring in the first half to secure a 1-0 win over Chelsea for the club's first victory at Stamford Bridge in nine years.

United now enters the return leg at Old Trafford Tuesday with a big advantage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
y-Washington	81	48	22	5	6	224	196	107	25-8-2-6	23-14-3-0	7-2-0-1	W4
dx-Philadelphia	80	46	23	4	7	249	215	103	21-12-2-5	25-11-2-2	3-4-0-3	L4
y-Boston	80	45	24	5	6	241	191	101	21-13-3-3	24-11-2-3	6-3-0-1	W1
x-Pittsburgh	80	47	25	5	3	225	196	102	25-14-2-0	22-11-3-3	7-3-0-0	W2
x-Tampa Bay	80	44	25	5	6	237	236	99	24-11-1-4	20-14-4-2	5-3-1-1	L1
x-Montreal	80	43	30	4	3	210	205	93	24-11-3-3	19-19-1-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	80	41	29	9	1	236	222	92	20-16-3-1	21-13-6-0	7-1-2-0	W2
NY Rangers	80	43	32	2	3	228	193	91	19-16-1-3	24-16-1-0	7-2-0-1	W2
Carolina	80	39	30	6	5	228	232	89	22-13-3-2	17-17-3-3	7-2-1-0	W1
Toronto	81	37	33	5	6	217	247	85	18-14-3-5	19-19-2-1	6-3-0-1	L2
New Jersey	80	37	38	3	2	169	202	79	21-16-2-1	16-22-0-2	4-5-0-1	W1
Atlanta	79	33	34	5	7	217	258	78	17-15-2-5	16-19-3-2	4-6-0-0	L2
Ottawa	80	31	39	5	5	188	245	72	15-20-2-3	16-19-3-2	5-3-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	80	30	38	7	5	222	253	72	17-18-1-4	13-20-6-1	3-6-1-0	L2
Florida	80	29	39	5	7	192	225	70	15-17-4-4	14-22-2-2	1-6-0-3	L9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
p-Vancouver	80	52	19	4	5	254	183	113	26-9-1-4	26-10-3-1	7-3-0-0	L2
y-San Jose	79	47	23	4	5	240	202	103	24-11-2-3	23-12-2-2	8-1-0-1	W4
y-Detroit	80	46	24	6	4	255	234	102	21-13-4-2	25-11-2-2	4-4-2-0	L1
Nashville	80	43	26	7	4	215	191	97	23-9-5-3	20-17-2-1	8-1-1-0	W1
Los Angeles	79	45	28	4	2	214	191	96	24-12-3-0	21-16-1-2	6-3-1-0	L1
Phoenix	79	42	25	7	5	224	217	96	20-13-4-3	22-12-3-2	7-2-0-1	L1
Anaheim	79	44	30	3	2	228	231	93	24-13-1-1	20-17-2-1	7-3-0-0	L2
Chicago	79	42	28	4	5	247	216	93	23-16-0-0	19-12-5-4	5-4-1-0	L2
Dallas	79	40	28	4	7	217	224	91	21-11-3-5	19-17-1-2	3-4-2-1	W2
Calgary	80	40	29	4	7	242	233	91	22-13-1-3	18-16-3-4	4-4-1-1	W2
St. Louis	80	37	33	4	6	235	230	84	22-13-1-4	15-20-3-2	6-3-0-1	W2
Minnesota	79	37	34	3	5	198	224	82	18-17-2-3	19-17-1-2	2-7-1-0	L2
Columbus	80	34	33	5	8	210	249	81	17-18-1-4	17-15-4-4	2-5-2-1	L4
Colorado	79	29	42	7	1	219	278	66	15-20-4-0	14-22-3-1	3-7-0-0	L2
Edmonton	79	25	43	2	9	188	256	61	13-21-1-5	12-22-2-3	2-6-0-2	W2

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division title; d — division leaders; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns.

Last night's results
New Jersey 4 Toronto 2
Boston 3 N.Y. Islanders 2
Carolina 3 Detroit 0
Washington 5 Florida 2
St. Louis at Chicago
Edmonton at Calgary
San Jose at Anaheim
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Tuesday's results
Edmonton 2 Vancouver 0
Montreal 2 Chicago 1 (OT)
Ottawa 5 Philadelphia 2
Washington 3 Toronto 2 (SO)
Buffalo 4 Tampa Bay 2
Dallas 3 Columbus 0
Nashville 6 Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 4 New Jersey 2
St. Louis 3 Colorado 1
Tonight's games
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

DEVILS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2

First Period
1. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 30 (Josefson, Fayne) 13:47 (pp)
Penalty — Crabb Tor (boarding) 11:54.
Second Period
2. New Jersey, Tedenby 8 (Kovalchuk, Elias) 14:29
3. New Jersey, Tallinder 5 (Mair, Pelley) 15:34
Penalty — Toronto bench (too many men; served by MacArthur) 19:39.
Third Period
4. Toronto, Kessel 31 (Lupul, Lashoff) 6:18 (pp)
5. Toronto, Bozak 15, 12:42 (sh)
6. New Jersey, Elias 20, 19:50 (en)
Penalties — Aulie Tor (cross-checking) 1:47, Josefson NJ (holding) 5:05, Kulemin Tor (interference) 11:02, Phaneuf Tor (elbowing) 12:34.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	11	6	7	24
New Jersey	11	10	12	33

Goal (shots-saves) — Toronto: Reimer (L,20-9-5)(21-18), Giguere (start third)(11-11); New Jersey: Brodeur (W,23-25-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 1-1; New Jersey: 1-5.
Referees — Don Van Massenhoven, Ian Walsh.
Linesmen — Jean Morin, Thor Nelson.
Att.— 14,207 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

LATE TUESDAY

SENATORS 5, FLYERS 2

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Richards 22 (Timonen, Giroux) 3:40 (pp)
2. Ottawa, Foligno 14 (Spezza, Kuba) 15:37 (pp)
Penalties — Condra Ott (hooking) 3:17, Holmstrom Pha (fighting), Neil Ott (instigating, fighting, misconduct) 4:59, Foligno Ott (tripping) 12:13, Meszaros Pha (interference) 13:59.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Richards 23 (Zherdev, Timonen) 15:56 (pp)
4. Ottawa, Shannon 11 (Spezza, Kuba) 18:22 (pp)
5. Ottawa, Butler 8 (Smith, Spezza) 19:46
Penalties — Hartnell Pha (holding) 2:47, Lessard Ott (tripping) 7:32, Benoit Ott (hooking) 11:32, Michalek Ott (high-sticking) 14:24, Syvret Pha (holding) 17:02.
Third Period
6. Ottawa, Spezza 20 (Shannon, Butler) 8:03 (pp)
7. Ottawa, Michalek 18 (Winchester, Hale) 18:42 (en)
Penalties — Meszaros Pha(high-sticking) 1:14, Carcillo Pha (holding) 7:12.
Shots on goal by

Philadelphia	5	13	11	29
Ottawa	12	12	12	36

Goal — Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (L,28-13-7); Ottawa: Anderson (W,23-20-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Philadelphia: 2-6; Ottawa: 3-5.
Referees — Francois St. Laurent, Don Van-Massenhoven. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Scott Cherrey.
Att. — 18,397 (19,153) at Ottawa.

CANADIENS 2, BLACKHAWKS 1 (OT)

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Subban Mtl (hooking) 17:40, Hamrlik Mtl (interference) 19:54.
Second Period
1. Montreal, Cammalleri 18 (Kostitsyn, Mara) 6:55
2. Chicago, Kane 27 (Brouwer, Seabrook) 10:05
Penalties — Toews Chi (interference) 0:46, Stalberg Chi (holding), Kostitsyn Mtl (tripping) 7:42, Subban Mtl (delay of game) 12:45.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Kopecky Chi (goaltender interference) 10:17, Kostitsyn Mtl (holding) 13:20.
Overtime
3. Montreal, Subban 14 (Kostitsyn, Cammaleri) 1:13 (pp)
Penalty — Toews Chi (tripping) 0:37.
Shots

Chicago	9	14	20	—43
Montreal	12	12	9	2—35

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,31-17-6) Montreal: Price (W,37-28-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)**/@ — Chicago: 0-5. Montreal: 1-4.
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Brian Pochmara.
Linesmen — Tony Sericolo, Pierre Champoux.
Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

BLUES 3, AVALANCHE 1

First Period
1. St. Louis, Backes 30 (Shattenkirk, McDonald) 14:55
2. Colorado, K.Porter 14 (Olver, Duchene) 16:42
Penalties — Reaves StL (tripping) 5:13, Yip Col (elbowing) 10:12, Koci Col, Janssen StL (fighting, game misconduct), McLeod Col, Reaves StL (fighting) 17:33.
Second Period
3. St. Louis, Shattenkirk 9 (Colaiacovo, McDonald) 4:07 (pp)
Penalties — Holos Col (high-sticking) 2:27, O'Byrne Col (cross-checking) 2:39.
Third Period
4. St. Louis, McDonald 20 (Nikitin) 19:20 (en)
Penalties — Wilson Col, Oshie StL (fighting) 5:08, Reaves StL (interference) 8:31, K.Porter Col (fighting), Stoa Col (roughing, tripping), Olver Col, Sobotka StL (unsportsmanlike conduct, misconduct), Jackman StL (roughing, misconduct), Crombeen StL (instigator, fighting, misconduct) 9:17.
Shots

Colorado	12	6	9—27
St. Louis	7	12	10—29

Goal — Colorado: Budaj (L,14-20-4); St. Louis: Halak (W,26-21-7).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Colorado: 0-2; St. Louis: 1-3.
Referees — Stephane Auger, Kelly Sutherland.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Vaughan Rody.
Att. — 19,150 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	41	59	100
St. Louis, TB	30	65	95
Perry, Ana	47	46	93
H.Sedin, Vcr	19	73	92

Not including last night's games

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	4	1	.800	—
Toronto	4	1	.800	—
New York	3	2	.600	1
Boston	0	4	.000	3½
Tampa Bay	0	5	.000	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	4	2	.667	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	½
Cleveland	2	2	.500	1
Detroit	2	3	.400	1½
Minnesota	2	3	.400	1½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	6	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	3
Seattle	2	4	.333	4
Oakland	1	4	.200	4½

Yesterday's results
L.A. Angels 5 Tampa Bay 1
Texas 7 Seattle 3
Chicago White Sox 10 Kansas City 7, 12 innings
Detroit 7 Baltimore 3
Boston at Cleveland
Minnesota at New York, ppd., rain
Toronto 5 Oakland 3
Tuesday's results
Toronto 7 Oakland 6 (10 ings)
Cleveland 3 Boston 1
Kansas City 7 Chicago White Sox 6 (12 ings)
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay
Minnesota 5 N.Y. Yankees 4 (10 ings)
Texas 3 Seattle 2
Today's games
Boston at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Oakland at Toronto, 12:37 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.
Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	4	1	.800	—
Atlanta	3	2	.600	1
New York	3	2	.600	1
Florida	2	2	.500	1½
Washington	1	3	.250	2½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	4	0	1.000	—
Pittsburgh	4	2	.667	1
Chicago	3	3	.500	2
St. Louis	2	4	.333	3
Milwaukee	1	4	.200	3½
Houston	0	4	.000	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	3	1	.750	—
San Diego	3	2	.600	½
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	1
Arizona	2	3	.400	1½
San Francisco	2	4	.333	2

Yesterday's results
Arizona 6 Chicago Cubs 4
Colorado 7 L.A. Dodgers 5
Philadelphia 10 N.Y. Mets 7
Pittsburgh 3 St. Louis 1
San Francisco 8 San Diego 4
Houston at Cincinnati
Washington at Florida
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Tuesday's results
Chicago Cubs 6 Arizona 5
Cincinnati 8 Houston 2
Colorado 3 L.A. Dodgers 0
Florida 3 Washington 2 (10 ings)
Milwaukee 1 Atlanta 0
N.Y. Mets 7 Philadelphia 1
San Diego 3 San Francisco 1
St. Louis 3 Pittsburgh 2
Today's games
Houston at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 1:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:35 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Florida at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

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MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Philadelphia	3	2	1	0	2	1	6
New England	3	1	0	2	4	3	5
New York	3	1	0	2	2	1	5
Chicago	2	1	0	1	4	3	4
Kansas City	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
Toronto	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Columbus	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
D.C. United	3	1	2	0	5	7	3
Houston	3	0	1	2	2	3	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Colorado	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
Los Angeles	4	2	1	1	4	5	7
Real Salt Lake	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Vancouver	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
San Jose	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Seattle	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Chivas USA	3	0	2	1	3	5	1
Portland	3	0	2	1	2	6	1
Dallas	3	0	2	1	1	5	1

Note: Three points for win, one point for tie.
Last night's result
New England at Vancouver

UEFA

CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Barcelona 5 Shakhtar Donetsk 1
Chelsea 0 Manchester United 1

CONCACAF

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Cruz Azul 1 Monterrey 1

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Celtic 3 Hibernian 1
Motherwell 2 Dundee United 1
St Mirren 3 Aberdeen 2

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	57	20	.740	—
y-Boston	54	23	.701	3
y-Miami	54	23	.701	3
x-Orlando	50	29	.633	8
x-Atlanta	44	34	.564	13½
x-New York	40	38	.513	17½
x-Philadelphia	40	39	.506	18
x-Indiana	36	43	.456	22
Charlotte	32	46	.410	25½
Milwaukee	31	46	.403	26
Detroit	27	51	.346	30½
New Jersey	24	54	.308	33½
Washington	21	57	.269	36½
Toronto	21	57	.269	36½
Cleveland	17	61	.218	40½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	59	19	.756	—
y-L.A. Lakers	55	22	.714	3½
x-Dallas	53	24	.688	5½
x-Oklahoma City	51	26	.662	7½
x-Denver	47	30	.610	11½
x-New Orleans	45	33	.577	14
x-Portland	45	33	.577	14
Memphis	44	34	.564	15
Houston	41	38	.519	18½
Phoenix	38	40	.487	21
Utah	37	41	.474	22
Golden State	34	44	.436	25
L.A. Clippers	31	47	.397	28
Sacramento	23	54	.299	35½
Minnesota	17	62	.215	42½

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division.

Last night's results
Orlando 111 Charlotte 102 (OT)
Indiana 136 Washington 112
New York 97 Philadelphia 92
Cleveland 104 Toronto 96
Detroit 116 New Jersey 109
Phoenix 108 Minnesota 98
New Orleans 101 Houston 93
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City
Milwaukee at Miami
Sacramento at San Antonio
Denver at Dallas
L.A. Lakers at Golden State

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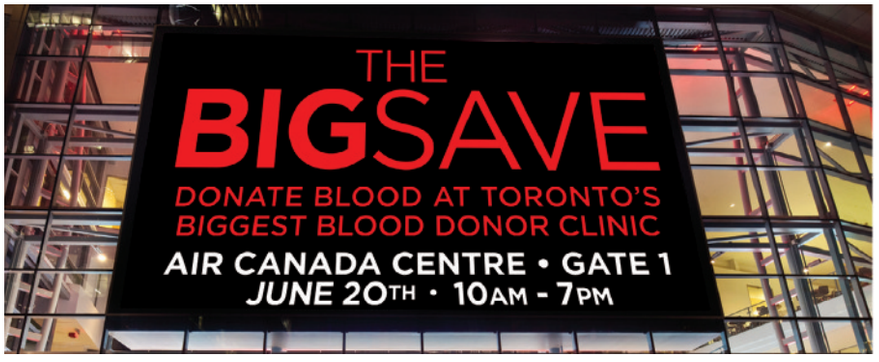
At Regina
Yesterday's results
Draw 12
Canada 9 Czech Republic 4
France 8 Switzerland 7
Norway 9 Denmark 2
U.S. 8 South Korea 4
Draw 13
Canada 10 Sweden 6
China 9 South Korea 5
Germany 6 France 5
Scotland 7 Denmark 3
Draw 14, 9:30 p.m.
U.S. vs. China; Norway vs. Scotland; Germany vs. Switzerland; Czech Republic vs. Sweden.
Today's games
Draw 15, 10:30 a.m.
Scotland vs. France; **Canada** vs. China; South Korea vs. Sweden; Germany vs. Denmark.
Draw 16, 3:30 p.m.
Czech Republic vs. Germany; Sweden vs. Switzerland; China vs. Norway; Scotland vs. U.S.
Draw 17, 9:30 p.m.
South Korea vs. Switzerland; Denmark vs. Czech Republic; U.S. vs. France; Norway vs. **Canada.**



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Stoughton secures a playoff berth

Victories over Sweden and the Czech Republic put Canada at 9-0

Canada's Jeff Stoughton secured not only a playoff berth, but a top-two finish in the preliminary round at the Ford World Curling Championship yesterday in Regina.

Victories over Sweden and the Czech Republic put Canada at 9-0 with four draws remaining in the preliminary round. Stoughton's Winnipeg rink remained the only unbeaten country in the 12-team field.

Canada downed Sweden's Niklas Edin 10-6 after beating Jiri Snitil of the Czech Republic 9-4.

The hosts have wins over the countries closest to them in the standings and would thus finish higher in the event of a tie. Only Scotland's Tom Brewster, at 7-1 yesterday, could finish with a better record than the Canadians.

The top four teams make the Page playoff and the format rewards a top-two finish with a second playoff life. The No. 1 and No. 2 meet tomorrow with the winner advancing directly to Sunday's final. The loser can still get to the final via a semifinal win Saturday.

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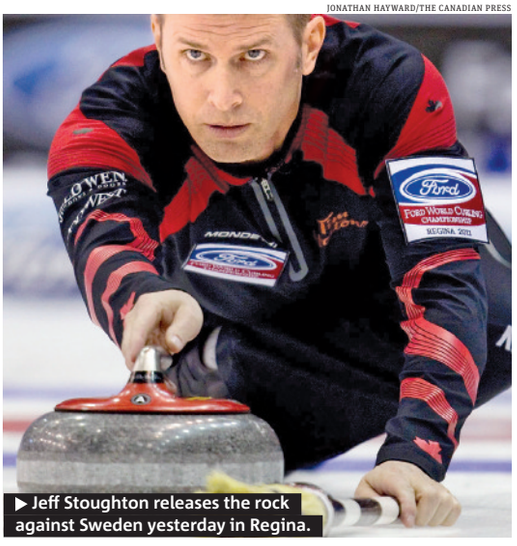

▶ Jeff Stoughton releases the rock against Sweden yesterday in Regina.

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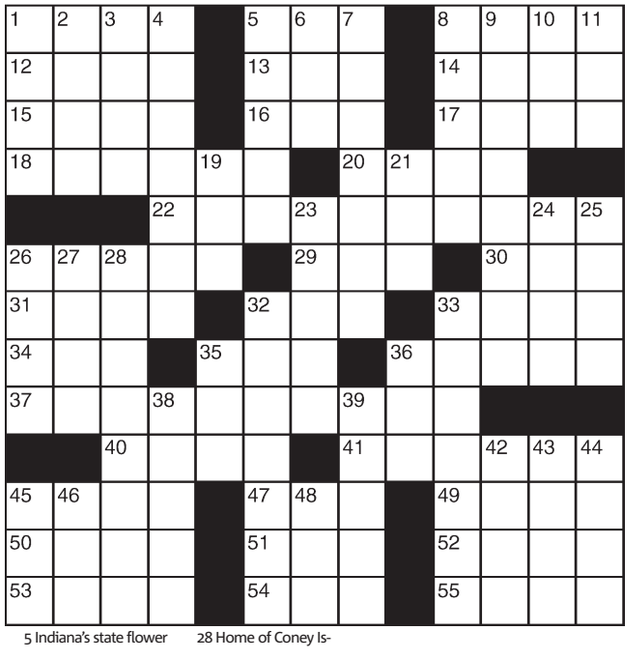

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1 Glaswegian girl
5 Without delay
8 Dumbfounds
12 Touch
13 — de Cologne
14 Infamous lyre player
15 Swerve
16 Harem room
17 Rainout cover
18 Reach
20 Ocean-going vessel
22 Scram
26 Turkic tongue
29 Mystery author Stout
30 Hoopsters' org.
31 Evergreens
32 Blossom-to-be
33 Londoner or Liverpudlian
34 Lennon's lady
35 "Holy cow!"
36 19th president
37 Eagles' assembly?
40 Recognize
41 Gave the same old story
45 Puncturing tools
47 Early bird?
49 Concept
50 Sauce source
51 Bambi's aunt
52 Really move
53 Shetland —
54 Sister
55 Sea flier

Down

1 Volcano outflow
2 Help a hood
3 Fat
4 Shoots from a plane
5 Indiana's state flower
6 Old man
7 Suppressed completely
8 Bit of tomfoolery
9 Arms
10 Blunder
11 Bribe
19 Sort
21 Whammy
23 "— words were never spoken"
24 Stage statuette
25 Butter servings
26 Venusian vessels?
27 Galvanizing stuff
28 Home of Coney Island
32 Intermediate to
33 Christen
35 Bygone muscle car
36 Weeding tool
38 Recant
39 Spleen or pancreas
42 Smell
43 Ponce de —
44 Knighted woman
45 Cleopatra's slayer
46 Court
48 Serengeti beast

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	6		7	4	3		1	
9								8
		5				4		
4	1		6		7		8	3
				3				
8	7		5		2		4	9
		7				2		
6								1
	8		3	2	4		5	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	2	3	6	7	8	5	1	4
1	8	6	4	2	5	9	3	7
4	5	7	9	1	3	2	6	8
8	7	1	2	9	4	6	5	3
6	9	5	3	8	7	4	2	1
3	4	2	1	5	6	8	7	9
7	1	8	5	4	2	3	9	6
5	3	9	8	6	1	7	4	2
2	6	4	7	3	9	1	8	5

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PJ, You are the most amazing, and gorgeous woman alive! idk what id do without you in my life. i love you more and more each day! soo when times get ruff.. take my hand, and lets runaway!!! **KROSE**

Binko,
Im truly sorry for everything that has happened. I love you and you love me so lets work together to be the best we can be.
LOVE YOU PRECIOUS BINKA

Donkey,
Happy 27th Birthday and all the best to you on ur special day <3 I can't wait to spoil u with all the surprises I have planned & make ur day a super sexy time :D
I love u more with each passing day & can't wait 2 share many more of ur birthdays celebrating together xoxo
LOVE, LITTLE DONKEY

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Put other people's needs ahead of your own today and be happy to do so. Self-sacrifice is good.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You have a talent for getting people to work together. It is a talent that will come in use.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Someone wiser will take you under his or her wing.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Someone you have clashed with is growing on you. In time, you two may become friends.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 A money matter that has been causing you problems will be resolved.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 An important relationship may have been a bit strained. With love, it will be easy make up.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Focus on reality and don't waste your precious time on wishful thinking. Be practical.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Creatively and romantically, this should be a good day but there's also some doubt.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Spend time with people you are close to emotionally.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You want to have fun, but duty is holding you back. Something needs to be done first.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may have big ideas and big plans but how are you going to finance them?
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Get urgent tasks out of the way first — after that the day is your own. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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